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in executing the charge and Command aforesaid upon pain of Liber F.  
Contempt as may be Justly Inflicted by the Law Martiall, Given  
under our Great Seal at S<sup>t</sup> Maries this 23<sup>th</sup> June 1642

This our Comission to endure untill further Order to the  
Contrary. Given 23 June 1642.

Cecilius &c To our Trusty Councillor William Blount Esq p. 154  
Greeting Whereas the Military band of our County of S<sup>t</sup> Maries  
is at this time destitute of a Captain to take care & Charge of  
the Safety and defence thereof Especially in this present danger  
and fear of the Incursions of Some Indians our enemies, We  
relyeing much upon the Skill and Courage Doe hereby Con-  
stitute and authorise you to be the Captain of the Souldiery  
our Said County of S<sup>t</sup> Maries to leavie Muster and train all or  
any English able to bear arms within O<sup>r</sup> S<sup>d</sup> County according  
to your disretion and to punish all Contemnners and other  
offenders against the Law of discipline of war, according to the  
Said Law and discipline as near as you may, and to use all  
force and means you may for the resistance of the Enemy and  
Safety and defence of the Colony, and to doe all and every  
other thing which unto the Charge and Office of a Captain of  
an Army belongeth or have accustomed to belong, And We  
doe hereby require all the Inhabitants of the Said County and  
all other persons within the Same for the time being to be  
obedient unto you in all things that Shall concern the Execution  
of the power & Command hereby Comitted unto you upon  
Such pain of Contempt as may be Justly Inflicted by the Law  
Martiall, This our Comission to endure untill the return of our  
Dear brother Leonard Calvert into this Province, or untill  
furth<sup>r</sup> Order to the Contrary Given 23 June 1642.

Orders proclaimed 23 June 1642 upon pain of death or other  
penalties, as by Severity of Martiall Law may be inflicted:

That noe Inhabitant or housekeeper entertain any Indian  
upon any colour of Licence, nor doe permitt to any Indian any  
Gunn powder and Shott.

That all housekeepers provide fixed gunn and Sufficient  
powder and Shott for each person able to bear arms.

Noe man to discharge 3 Gunns within the Space of  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour p. 155  
nor concurr to the dischargeing Soe many, except to give or  
Answer alarm.

Upon the hearing of an Alarum every housekeeper to answer  
and continue it Soe far as he may.

Noe man able to bear arms to goe to church or Chappell or  
any considerable distance from home without fixed gunn and  
Charge at least of powder and Shott.